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**LETTER SUBMITTING OFFICE ACTION ISSUED
IN CORRESPONDING EUROPEAN APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

April 15, 2003

Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the Examiner's information is a copy of an Office Action that issued on April 1, 2003, in corresponding European Application No. 99 906 457.9-2102.

EP-A-0 921 155 discussed in the European Office Action corresponds to WO 98/07784, a copy of which was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed in the present application on December 12, 2000. WO 98/07784 was also considered in previous Office Actions.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Eugene T. Perez (Reg. No. 48,501) at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any

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
additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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